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SUBJ: INDONESIA UNABLE TO MEET ASEAN OIL NEEDS NOW

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BEGIN SUMMARY: ACCORDING RECENT PRESS REPORTS, IBNU SUTOWO, DIRECTOR OF PERTAMINA (INDONESIA'S STATE OIL COMPANY) SAID NOVEMBER 15 INDONESIA HAS NO SURPLUS OIL TO MEET NEEDS OF PHILIPPINES AND OTHER ASEAN NATIONS. BUT FONMIN MALIK AND OTHER GOI SPOKESMEN HAVE SAID INDONESIA WILL TRY TO HELP REMEDY OIL PROBLEMS OF NEIGHBORS, AND WILL GIVE THEM OPPORTUNITY TO BUY ANY NEWLY DISCOVERED INDONESIAN OIL AND INVEST IN INDONESIAN OIL INDUSTRY. FOLLOWING BASED ON PRESS
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REPORTS NOVEMBER 16,22. END SUMMARY

1. IN ANSWER TO JOURNALIST QUERIES NOVEMBER 15 ABOUT REPORTED REQUEST FROM PHILIPPINES FOR INDONESIAN OIL TO ALLEVIATE SHORTAGES IN ASEAN NATIONS CAUSED BY ARAB BOYCOTT OF US AND EUROPEAN BUYERS, IBNU SAID ALL INDONESIAN OIL WAS ALREADY UNDER CONTRACT TO OTHER BUYERS. (KOMPAS, NOV 16).

2. BUT MALIK AND SPOKESMAN OF FONDEP'S ASEAN NATIONAL SECRETARIAT SAID SAME DAY THAT IF THERE IS A FORMAL REQUEST FROM THE PHILIPPINES OR OTHER ASEAN NEIGHBORS, INDONESIA WOULD TRY TO FIND WAYS TO HELP, IN THE INTERESTS OF ASEAN FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY. (ANTARA, BERITA, YUDHA, NOV 16).

3. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS NOVEMBER 21, GOI SPOKESMAN MASHURI SAID AFTER MEETING F HIGH LEVEL ECONOMIC STABILIZATION COUNCIL THAT ASIAN COUNTRIES WOULD BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO BUY NEWLY DISCOVERED INDONESIAN OIL AND TO INVEST IN INDONESIAN OIL INDUSTRY TO HELP EASE THEIR OIL SHORTAGES.

4. UNIDENTIFIED PRESS REPORT DATED BANGKOK NOVEMBER 21 AND REPRINTED IN JAKARTA PRESS, SAID ASEAN NATIONS ARE PLANNING TO MEET TO DISCUSS WAYS TO COPE WITH OIL CRISIS, BUT DATE NOT YET DECIDED. END UNCLASSIFIED. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

5. EMBASSY LEARNED THIS WEEK FROM WELL-INFORMED PERTAMINA SOURCE THAT PHILIPPINES HAS, IN FACT, RECENTLY SOUGHT INDONESIAN CRUDE FROM PERTAMINA, BUT THAT THIS LATEST REQUEST WAS TURNED DOWN. SOURCE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT PHILIPPINES WILL SHORTLY TAKE DELIVERY OF SUBSTANTIAL SHIPMENT OF SAUDI ARABIAN CRUDE UNDER EARLIER CONTRACT ARRANGED BY IBNU SUTOWO ON BEHALF OF PHILIPPINES FOLLOWING HIS VISIT TO MANILA SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. ARRANGEMENT STIPULATES THAT OIL MUST BE USED IN FILIPINO-OWNED REFINERY. GALBRAITH

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